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### **SPARTANBURG DISTRICT 4 SCHOOL TEACHER ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

**Columbia, South Carolina----** United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Mark Anthony Soza, age 57, of Roebuck, South Carolina, was charged in a criminal complaint with possession of child pornography, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A. The maximum penalty Soza could receive is ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Bill Watkins of the Greenville office for prosecution.

If the public has any reports or information regarding this case, they should call the ICE tip line at (866) DHS-2ICE.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide

initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

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